

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mystery, Grand Bank, 280,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore, 1000 lbs. cod, 500 lbs. haddock, 1500 lbs. hake.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, shore, 2000 lbs. hake.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.
Steamer Three Brothers, Ipswich Bay, 40 bbls. fresh herring.
Torchers, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Clara R. Harwood, shore.
Sch. Clara M. Littlefield, shore.
Sch. Dawson City, haddocking.
Sch. Blanche, haddocking.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, haddocking.
Sch. Kentucky, haddocking.
Sch. Wm. H. Cross, haddocking.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, shore.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 3-4 per cwt., medium do., \$2 1-2; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-2, medium do., \$2 3-8; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-2; medium do., \$2 3-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2.75; medium do., \$2 2-3; large dory handline cod, \$2 7-8, medium do., \$2 3-8.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.15; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large, \$2.50 for medium and \$1.50 for snappers.

Outside sales dory handline cod, \$3.00 per cwt. for large and \$2.50 for medium.

Outside sale of Georges cod, \$4 1-8 per hundred weight for large and \$2.62 for medium.

Outside sales of bank cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large and \$3.05 per cwt. for mediums.

Outside sale of Rips cod, \$4.25 per cwt for large and \$2.80 for medium.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per lb. for white, and 8 cents for gray.

Salt mackerel, \$14 per bbl.
Fresh pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.

Salt herring in bulk, \$3.25 per bbl.

Haddock \$6, large cod \$4, market cod \$3.25, hake \$1.50.

Boston.

Nov. 11—Ar., sch. Lucy E., 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Mattaleasett, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 15,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Grace Darling, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Horace B. Parker, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Frances Walen, 17,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 28,000 hake.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, 12,000 haddock,

3000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Fair Oaks, 30 bbls. fresh herring.

Sloop Annie S., 10 bbls. fresh herring.

Steamer Lydia, 20 bbls. fresh herring.

Steamer Empress, 50 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Pythian, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Harry L. Belden, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 25,000 hake.

Sch. Maggie Sullivan, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 22,000 hake.

Sch. Esther Anita, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 22,000 hake.

Haddock, \$5; large cod, \$4 to \$1.50; small cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1.35 to \$1.60.

Frozen Herring.

From Yesterday's Late Edition.

WILL PULL TOGETHER

Owners of Frozen Herring Vessels

Hold Important Meeting.

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TWO COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Cargoes Will Be Sold in Boston on Commission.

One day last week John R. Neal, Lorenzo D. Baker and Capt. Mayo of the National Fish Co. of Boston were in town and had consultation with several of the vessel owners in regard to the handling and sale of frozen herring cargoes the coming season. Nothing definite was done in the matter, however, and the gentlemen returned to Boston after having opened the subject for consideration.

There has been a growing feeling among the firms and vessel owners who put their crafts in the frozen herring industry in the winter months, that they have got the skim milk, while others have had the cream, long enough, and that especially where they take all the risk and invest the capital, they should have the long and not the short end of the deal. For several years they have talked this way among themselves, but this season it looks as if the business would be handled in an intelligent and business-like manner, which means profit where it belongs, while giving all others handling the goods a fair return.

A meeting of the owners of the vessels which will engage in the frozen herring industry this season was held at the Board of Trade room this forenoon. Capt. William Thompson was chosen chairman and E. Archer Bradley secretary.

The whole matter was discussed in a general way and every phase of the business was carefully considered. The former method of disposing of cargoes was talked over, and plans for the future were formulated in a general way. Several of the gentlemen present expressed their views at length and the herring question from a to z received the close attention of all present.

A committee consisting of David B. Smith, E. Archer Bradley and Thomas Hodge was appointed to confer with the Boston fish dealers in regard to regulating the selling of frozen herring cargoes on commission.

Another committee comprising William Thompson, David B. Smith, Fred L. Davis, E. Archer Bradley, A. Ernest Walen and Orlando Merchant were appointed to have general charge of conducting the business on the Gloucester end.

The Gloucester dealers are aware to their interests and opportunities in the herring business. This meeting shows it conclusively, and it is well.

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Sch. Vera, La Have Bank, 45,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. haddock.
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Sch. Mary Cabral, shore, 1500 lbs. cod, 500 lbs. haddock, 5000 lbs. hake.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, shore.
Sch. Water Witch, Ipswich Bay, 85 bbls. fresh herring.
Torchers, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, haddocking.
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Boston.

Nov. 22—Ar., sch. Philomena Manta, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Grace Otis, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Belle J. Neal, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Clara M. Littlefield, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Empress, 5 bbls. herring.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 300 haddock, 700 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 9000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Juniata, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Clara R. Harwood, 1500 haddock,

1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock and cod, \$4.80; hake, \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Robin Hood of this port sailed from Canso for the Banks on Monday.

Schs. Talisman and Grayling, also of this port, sailed from there the same day for Newfoundland.

Sch. Hazel Oneita of this port was at Halifax on Saturday.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason of this port put into Halifax on Monday to procure a patent log.

Schs. Argo and Titania were at Liscomb, N. S., on Wednesday of last week.

Sch. Arbutus was at Canso, N. S., recently with 50,000 pounds of salt cod and refitted. She has been out seven weeks and some anxiety was expressed for her safety, but this word from her allays all

THE SEASON'S RECORD

Resume of the Successful Work of the Seining Fleet.

THE BIGGEST CATCH SINCE 1887.

Some Interesting Figures of a Prosperous Mackerel Year.

The arrival on Saturday of sch. Harvard from her late Cape Shore seining trip with 160 barrels of salt mackerel, virtually brought to a close the mackerel season of 1900, although there were still two seiners to come, sch. Lena and Maid which arrived Tuesday with five barrels, and sch. Lewis H. Giles which came in Wednesday and had no fish.

The season just passed has been, in every sense of the word, a successful one for owners and fishermen, the catch having been large, and the prices satisfactory. To be sure, the shippers have not made what they term a good season, because of price fluctuations and sharp competition, but on the whole the great increase in the catch overshadowed all other phases of the business and made it pre-eminently a most prosperous mackerel year.

The catch was a marked advance over 1899, when 22,785 barrels of salt mackerel were landed by the New England fleet. Indeed, this year's catch of salt mackerel was in excess of any year since 1887, when 88,382 barrels were landed, and exceeding 1886, when 79,998 barrels was the catch.

The season of 1899 was what the fishermen call a "tinker year" and the skip-

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pers and other well posted men took the reappearance of these small fish as a good omen and prophesied a greatly increased catch in 1900. The result of the season's work has verified their prediction. The vessels started out fairly early in the spring, many getting away by the first week in April. The first lot of mackerel of the year, about 10 barrels of fresh fish, were landed at Delaware Breakwater April 17 by sch. Ida L. Miller, Capt. John McKinnon, and the honor of landing the first fare of the season at Fulton Market, New York, fell to sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Charles H. Harty, which arrived there April 19 with 50 barrels of fresh mackerel.

The southern seining fleet was somewhat larger than for many years, numbering fully 24 sail, while the size of the netting fleet was unprecedented, being comprised of fully 85 sail of sloops and small schooners, which met with great success and added materially to the spring catch of fresh fish.

The season south opened well and kept up its gait, scarcely a day passing without there being some arrivals at New York. During the spring of 1899, less than 3000 barrels of fresh mackerel were landed at New York, while this year the catch was quadrupled, no less than 12,500 barrels being brought to Fulton market dock, making one of the most prosperous springs in the memory of even the old timers.

From the southern waters, the fleet followed the fish to the vicinity of No Man's Land, and here the first salting of mackerel for the season was made. The prospect about No Man's Land was so good and the schools so plentiful that the customary jump of the fleet for the Cape Shore to meet the late May and early June schools there did not take place.

By this time the seining fleet had increased to 60 sail, but only 14 went to the Cape Shore. As in 1899, their success was limited, as the fish were scarce and the weather not good for fishing.

While the larger vessels were salting considerable of their catch off No Man's Land, the "mosquito fleet" of netters was piling in the fresh fish and in addition to the big fresh fares landed by the seiners, made up a grand total of 18,329 barrels of fresh mackerel landed at Newport and New Bedford and shipped mostly to New York and Boston. The fresh catch landed at New Bedford and Newport in 1899 was only 3200 barrels.

As the fish began to get scarcer off No Man's Land and the schools were well broken up, many of the fleet came home a refit about the middle of June. On going out they seemed to divide up, some taying around Middle Bank and Boston Bay, while others went to Georges. Both net with good success, as fish showed in good schools in both places. The netters, too, came around from No Man's Land, and although some of them shifted over and took small seines, they did well between here and Provincetown, making some exceptionally big hauls, for small rats, during the season.

The fishing on Georges was the biggest of the season, a third more fish being taken there by the fleet than the amount of the whole salt catch of the entire fleet in 1899. By this time, say the last of June, the fleet had increased to 108 sail and later on went to almost 140 sail, the largest seining fleet for many years, which accounted in a measure for the increased catch.

While the shore seining still hung on, the schools showed signs of breaking up on Georges before the middle of August, and some of the fleet went to the Bay of Fundy, while others joined the shore fleet, or stayed on Georges, hoping for the fish to school again. The former were well rewarded, for mackerel were met in great schools off Yarmouth, N. S., about the first of August, and were followed all the way to the Maine coast, which they reached about the middle of August. Here it was old time decks again and last year's total catch was almost equalled in the single month's fishing off Monhegan, Matinicus and Seguin.

About the latter part of September what fish there were, seemed to be on the Massachusetts coast, around Middle Bank and Race Point, and here most of the fleet gathered. Some good hauls were secured, and once in a while the fleet would secure a good day's fishing, but most of the fish taken were run to market fresh on account of the high prices obtained.

During the last days of October, about all of the fleet became discouraged at the poor prospect of a fall spurt in Boston Bay, and by the first week in November, all were hauled up for the season, excepting the few vessels which went on late Cape Shore trips.

Of these, one got 340 barrels, another 160 barrels, while the others secured none. They found that they were somewhat late, although around Cape North great schools were seen, but too wild to stop. They learned from the people along shore that the fish had been schooling there since July.

Only one vessel was engaged in the North Bay mackerel fishery from here and her trip proved a broken one.

The total catch of salt mackerel, by the New England fleet for the season of 1900 was 83,217 barrels, most of which was landed at this port. This result is arrived at from an actual record of every trip landed, kept at the TIMES office.

The total catch of fresh mackerel cannot be exactly stated, but is in the neighborhood of 70,000 barrels, which is claimed to be the largest fresh mackerel season on record.

The amount of salt mackerel landed from the principal fishing grounds during 1900 was as follows:

	Barrels
Cape Shore.....	2,275
No Man's Land.....	5,084
Georges.....	38,155
Bay of Fundy.....	7,138
Maine Coast.....	20,924
Late Cape Shore.....	505
Massachusetts Coast (including Middle Bank).....	14,136
Total.....	83,217

For the benefit of comparison, we ap-

pend the catch of salt mackerel from 1879 to date.

Year.	Barrels.
1879.....	220,599
1880.....	349,674
1881.....	291,657
1882.....	378,863
1883.....	226,685
1884.....	478,076
1885.....	329,943
1886.....	79,998
1887.....	88,382
1888.....	48,205
1889.....	21,918
1890.....	19,042
1891.....	47,816
1892.....	51,368
1893.....	55,637
1894.....	46,321
1895.....	24,939
1896.....	77,464
1897.....	13,154
1898.....	14,286
1899.....	22,785
1900.....	83,217

Beside the big catch, the good prices received for the fish were sources of satisfaction to owners and fishermen. The season opened with salt mackerel at \$12 per barrel, and held up fairly well for a while. The lowest price of the season, \$7 per barrel for unrimmed mediums, was reached during the first two weeks in August, when the big receipts were coming from Georges and Bay of Fundy. This price was not for long, for the market gradually rose, and in September reached high water mark, \$16 50 per barrel, the last fare of the season selling at \$14.75 and \$15 per barrel. The average price for the season was between \$10 and \$11 per barrel.

FROM GRAND BANK.

Sch. Gladstone Arrives at Provincetown After Two Months Absence.

Sch. Gladstone arrived at Provincetown on Tuesday evening from a two months Grand Bank trip, spent mainly on the Virgin Rocks. She fished only 13 days during the eight weeks cruise, extremely rough weather prevailing most of the time, but in the short fishing period she secured 1200 quintals of cod.

This gave an average catch of 100 quintals per day—one of the 13 fishing days mentioned yielding nothing in the shape of fish—an unusually big average, number of dories employed considered, showing that the cod schools, which were small and scattered all summer, had returned in old-time numbers to the banks.

In the gale which began on the evening of November 9 the Gladstone parted her cable, but she weathered it safely, hove to under short sail.

Herring News.

Sch. Helen F. Whitten is fitting for a Newfoundland frozen herring trip.

A letter dated at Bay of Islands, N. F. November 16, stated that all the American vessels there had secured fares of salt herring.

A letter from the captain of one of the Gloucester fleet, bound home, was dated at Sydney, C. B., November 17, and stated that when he left there was plenty of herring and all the fleet had probably loaded by this time.

Sch. Parthia will fit for a frozen herring trip to Bay of Islands, N. F., under command of Capt. William Chett.

Thursday. Nov 22nd